(viii) acceleration of State irrigation projects to provide drought proofing.

(ix) allocation of foodgrains to States for distribution to persons employed on relief works, as a part of wages.

Manufacture of various brands of edible oils

3725. SHRI J. P GOYAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the large number of brands of edible oils available in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether due to high prices of edible oils and short supply of imported edible oils, various firms/individuals have resorted to manufacturing of edible oils in various brand names;

(d) whether Government are satisfied with their usefulness and have ensured that they do not have any harmful effects; if so what are the details in this regard; and

(e) whether Government propose to make the people aware about the usefulness or otherwise of various edible oils under various brand names, including imported edible oils and if so what are the details in this reard and if not what are the reasons sons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (e) Edible Oils are sold under various brand names by different manufacturers These oils are sold in raw form. refined form or after hydrogenation in the form of vanaspati. Different brands of oils cater to the varying requirements of the consumer.

(d) and (e) The producers of edible oils including imported oil are required to conform to the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, which ensures that the product is safe for consumption Usage of different edible oils depends on consumer preference.

NDDB's agreement with foreign firms on vegetable and fruit projects

3726. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has entered into an agreement with some foreign firms for vegetable and fruit projection of the Government of India;

(b) whether technical know-how in this regard is easily available in India; and

(c) whether the contracts have been given by the NDDB on the basis of single quotation of their choice as had been done by the NDDB/IDC for Tetrapak Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERTION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The conventional concrete technology available in India was found to take a long time of 3-4 years for completion of the job, as against 15 months with modern technology which is cost effective under Indian conditions and which uses pre-fabricated steel construction and insulated panels.

(c) No, Sir. NDDB had floated a global tender for supply. erection and commissioning of the production block of the Central Distribution Facility on a turnkey basis. The advertisement was also inserted in the Indian Export Bulletin. Quotations

were received from Indian as well as foreign firms. After careful consideration and taking into account the price quoted availability of soft loan and maximum involvement of Indian parties in the project, a contract was awarded to a French firm.

Retired officials representin business interests

3727. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether retired officials are allowed to offer their services in any manner for development of business interests in fields where they worked earlier;

(b) whether Government are aware that retired officials from fisheries represent business interests·

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure that conflict of interests do not occur; and

(d) what is the number of retired fisheries officials associated with firms etc. who have applied for permits and licences from Government for fishing activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Retired officials are allowed to accept commercial employment with prior permission if they wish so before the expiry of two years from thee date of retirement. No permission is required for taking up commercial employement after a period of two years from the date of retireent.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Application for commercial employment from retired Government official is examined with reference to certain prescribed factors detailed in Rule 10 of the Central Civil Service (Pension) Rules, 1972 as amended from time to time. one of which is to ensure that the retired official's interest should not be in conflict with those of the Government.

(d) Three.

धान का वसूली मूल्य

3728. श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने हाल ही में पिछले वर्ष के विपणन मौसम की तुलना में 1987-88 के लिए धान के वसूली मूल्य में 4 रुपए प्रति क्विंटल की बढ़ोतरी की घोषणा की है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस वर्ष सूखे की स्थिति के कारण खेती की लागत में बढ़ौतरी हुई है, और

(ग) यदि हां, तो केवल 4 रुपए प्रति क्विंटल वसूली मूल्य बढ़ाये जाने का क्या कारण है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग मे राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र मकवाणा) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) और (ग) सरकार कृषि लागत तथा मूल्य आयोग की सिफारिशों, राज्य सरकारों, केन्द्रीय मंत्रालयों तथा योजना आयोग के विचारों को ध्यान में रखते हुए, धान सहित विभिन्न कृषि जिंसों के लिए वसूली/समर्थन मूल्यो को निर्धारित करती है । कृषि लागत तथा मूल्य आयोग अपनी सिफारिशों को तैयार करते समय संबंधित जिंस के उत्पादन की लागत में वृद्धि सहित अनेक पहलुओं को ध्यान में रखता है ।

United Nations Resolution on shelter for Homeless

3729. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 1987 is being observed as the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless;